



PRESS RELEASE

NORMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Norman Police Department will have a bird's eye view of businesses and parking lots beginning this holiday shopping season. The agency recently acquired a "Skywatch" mobile observation tower, and officers will deploy it for the first time at the Sooner Mall in time for Black Friday, November 25. The tower provides more than a twenty-five foot high observation platform, which the department will use to increase security and deter crime. In addition to retail areas, officers intend to deploy the device in other areas of town throughout the year for crime prevention projects, on special occasions, and during athletic events.

A new Skywatch tower retails for around \$96,000, but the agency located a slightly used version for a total investment of \$7,500, which the department paid using federal grant funds.

The department will hold a demonstration for media and the public on Friday afternoon, November 18, 2011, at 1:00 PM at the police training facility, located at 3942 Jenkins Avenue, south of Hwy 9.

We also encourage everyone to take reasonable precautions during the holiday season by locking your car doors and not leaving packages and sacks of merchandise visible in the passenger compartment while shopping. Remember, it only takes a few seconds for a thief to break into an automobile and steal your property.

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